

Attendants:

Barbara Langford, Alpine; Jonette Wheeler, Cache; Sheri Suave, Davis; Sheri Sorensen, Granite; Amy Salyer, High-Ability; Kay Erwin, Murray; Mary Lynn Lewis, Nebo; Chris Fournier, Park City; Ginny Smith, Provo; Sue Savage-Sakashita, Salt Lake; Moya Kessig, USOE

Excused:

Val Pack, Iron; Teri Mattson, Jordan; Robin Williams, Logan; Mark Dockins, Uintah

Agenda Items:

<u>UAGC Update- Sheri Sorensen:</u> Mid-winter conference was a great success. There were over 500 participants. Parent night was a huge success with an estimated 1,000 attendees. UAGC unveiled their new logo at the conference. February 23, 2009 UAGC will attend the legislative session for non profits.

<u>High Ability- Amy Sayler:</u> The coaches are in place and ready to start working with teachers involved in the project. Video conferencing and lesson reflections are just beginning. There have been some technology issues which we are working through- we are gaining insight for next year's implementation. The project has reduced the budget the same percentage as anticipated cuts are expected from the Legislature. The first endorsement course should be in place by September 2009.

Legislative Update- Amy Sayler: The following bills were reviewed:

<u>SB0159</u>	Math Education Initiative	Stephenson, H.	DSL	BL
<u>SB0048</u>	Teacher Licensing by Competency Amendments	Buttars, D. C.	DSL	BL
HB0186	School District Division Amendment	Black, L.	DSL	

<u>Survey Results- Moya Kessig:</u> A survey was sent out in January to all GT Coordinators, requesting topics for presentations in State GT Coordinators meetings. There were 6 topics of interest identified in the survey. A follow up survey asked the coordinators to indicate their 3 top choices. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please indicate your top 3 choices (document found on website '3 choices') and e-mail to: moya.kessig@schools.utah.gov. (Click on '3 choices' hyperlink, save and return via e-mail.)

<u>Budget, Travel & Future Meetings- Moya Kessig:</u> Due to the current economic situation the society of Superintendents has asked USOE to hold meetings electronically and to find other means to communicate critical information. Moya asked the Coordinators to identify critical items for future meetings (March- May). The group indicated that March was generally a brainstorming session for meeting topics next year. Because this was done via the survey, the State sponsored **March 12th**, **2009 meeting has been cancelled**. Sue Savage-Sakashita

suggested meeting as a UAGC group. The UAGC group will contact the coordinators regarding future meetings.

<u>Youth Academy of Excellence Summer 2009- guest speaker Claire Turner:</u> Spoke about elementary and middle school programs the University of Utah is conducting. Course descriptions and registration will be available after February 17th at <u>www.youth.utah.edu</u>. Claire will be sending us an electronic version of the handout which will be e-mailed to GT Coordinators.

<u>Westminster College Summer Youth Programs- guest speaker Emily Hadfield:</u> Spoke about several exciting summer retreats. Visit <u>www.westminster.college.edu/camps</u> for more information.

<u>Identification Process- Ginny Smith:</u> Did an excellent job on presenting on the Provo district identification process with a focus on decision making. The PowerPoint is included on the website under 'PowerPoint'.

<u>District Sharing:</u> Each district shared their testing procedures. Moya will be sending out a survey on testing procedures. She will provide a spreadsheet which will be shared among district GT Coordinators.

Thank You:

Thank you to Sheri Suave for conducting the meeting and Sue Savage-Sakashita for providing the meeting space.

Next Meeting:

May 14th 9:30-Noon host USOE Location: Davis School District, 45 East State Street Farmington, UT

